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Cottbus Airfield

1. Thirty-five Yak-11's and between 22 and 25 Yak-18's were seen at Cottbus airfield on 5 January. The total strength of Yak-11's was scheduled to be increased to 125 by the spring. Armament for the Yak-11's had not arrived. There was no mention of an issue of jet fighters to the Aeroklub.

Increase in Strength

2. An increase in the strength of the Aeroklub from one to three divisions had been scheduled. However, only the staffs for the two new divisions are being formed now. The only expansion contemplated in 1954 is the creation of two Technical Bases (Technical battalions), increasing the number of these battalions to six. ¹

Personalities

3. The private accommodations of Colonel Hans Alter, Head of Rear Services are located at 25 Werner Strasse. Major Meister has been succeeded by Major Baldamus as Chief of Staff of Rear Services. Captain Staenger has replaced Lieutenant Colonel Trenkmann as Chief of the Department for Weapons and Equipment. The latter was dismissed when it was learned that due to his lack of supervision 30 percent of the weapons at Kamenz, Bautzen and Drewitz were in a filthy condition, 200 weapons at Kamenz were missing, and that standard range instructions had been ignored at Drewitz. ²

1. [] Comment: The establishment of the 4th Aviation Technical Base was reported [] 25X1
2. [] Comment: These personnel changes were previously reported []

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